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New Jersey Yields Increase for Soybeans, Corn, and Hay

Trenton, NJ, February 06, 2018 --- Soybean production in 2017 totaled 4.5 million bushels, up from 3.5 million bushels last year. An increased yield, at 45 bushels per acre, accounted for most of the production increase from 2016. Harvested area in 2017, at 99 thousand acres, was up about 1,000 acres from 2016.

Corn for grain production in 2017 is estimated at 11.7 million bushels, up from 10.3 million bushels in 2016. The average yield is estimated at 167 bushels per acre, up from last year's yield of 145 bushels per acre. Harvested area, at 70 thousand acres, is down about 1,000 acres from last year.

All hay production in 2017 totaled 252 thousand tons, up from 214 thousand tons in 2016. An increased yield to 2.19 tons per acre accounted for most of the production increase. Harvested area in 2017, at 115 thousand acres, was up about 1,000 acres from 2016 and the highest since 2008.

The estimates in the report were based primarily on surveys conducted the first two weeks of December.

The full Crop Production 2017 Summary is available online at www.usda.gov/Publications. The report contains year-end acreage, yield and production estimates for grains and hay; oilseeds; cotton, tobacco and sugar; dry beans, peas and lentils; and potatoes and miscellaneous crops.

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